

Joint Commission on Health Care

General Assembly Building – Senate Room A

September 1, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Attendance

Senator George L. Barker

Senator Harry B. Blevins

Senator R. Edward Houck

Senator Ralph S. Northam

Senator Linda T. Puller

Senator Patricia S. Ticer

Senator William C. Wampler (conference)

Delegate Robert H. Brink

Delegate David L. Bulova

Delegate Phillip A. Hamilton

Delegate Harvey B. Morgan

Delegate David A. Nutter (conference)

Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III

Secretary Marilyn B. Tavenner

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Senator R. Edward Houck, Chairman. Senator Houck directed JCHC members' attention to the memorandum dated August 31, 2009 from Richard J. Bonnie, L.L.B., Chair of the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform regarding "Proposed JCHC Study of Mental Health Issues in Higher Education." In response to the proposal, Delegate Bulova asked that issues related to allowing high schools to share information about students' mental health with colleges and universities as introduced by Delegate Peace (e.g. HB 752) be considered in the study, if approved by JCHC. As explained in the memorandum, Mr. Bonnie will present a well-developed proposal for members to consider during the JCHC meeting on October 7th.

Presentations

Stephen Bowman, Senior Staff Attorney/Methodologist presented the staff report on *Virginia's Healthcare Workforce Present and Future Need*. The report included discussion regarding:

- ♦ Purpose of Workforce Planning
- ♦ Demand and Supply
- ♦ Shortages
- ♦ Avenues to Address Shortages and Maldistribution
- ♦ Policy Options

Jaime Hoyle, Senior Staff Attorney/Health Policy Analyst presented the staff report on *Opportunities for Early Identification and Preventive Care of Chronic Diseases*. The report discussed:

- ♦ Study Mandate SJ 325
- ♦ Chronic Disease Statistics and Costs
- ♦ Fragmentation
- ♦ Prevention of Chronic Disease
- ♦ Addressing Chronic Disease through Various Care Coordination Approaches
- ♦ Policy Options

Michele Chesser, Ph.D., Senior Health Policy Analyst presented the staff report: *Improving Aging-at-Home Services and Culture Change Initiatives*. The report discussed:

- ♦ Purpose of Study
- ♦ Taking Care of the Caregivers
- ♦ Streamlining the System for Accessing Community Resources
- ♦ Virginia's Department for the Aging Four Year Plan

- ♦ Increasing Eligibility for Community-Based Services
- ♦ Strengthening Culture Change Initiatives for Virginia's Long-Term Care Facilities
- ♦ Policy Options

Kim Snead, Executive Director presented a staff update summarizing findings and recommendations of the JLARC report on services for Virginians with autism spectrum disorders.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of JCHC is October 7, 2009.

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